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At the Court at St. James's, *Decemb.* 19.

PRESENT,

The Queen's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THis Day the Right Honorable William Lord North and Grey, took the Oaths appointed to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, his Lordſhip being Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Cambridge.

Naples, Nov. 24. *N. S.* The publick Rejoycings throughout this Kingdom, on Account of our King's Election to the Imperial Dignity, have been very extraordinary; and our Viceroy, upon that Occaſion, iſſued out an Order forbidding any Proceſs at Law againſt any one for Debts under a certain Value, for the ſpace of four Months. There being ſome Scarcity of Slaves to row in our Gallies, which are fitting out with all poſſible Expedition, his Excellency has alſo given Directions to the Judges in the ſeveral Courts, to condemn Criminals for heinous Offences to the Oar, in lieu of other Corporal Puniſhments. Cavalier Ferretti, Commander of the Pope's Gallies, having been forc'd into Niſita by a Storm, has taken that Opportunity to wait upon our Viceroy; after which, he was ſplendidly entertain'd by our new Nuncio, the Biſhop of Rhodes, and is ſince ſail'd again for Genoa.

Leopol, Nov. 25. *N. S.* King Auguſtus has appointed the Palatine of Mazovia his Ambaſſador to the Ottoman Port, for renewing the Treaty of Carlowitz; and he is accordingly preparing to ſet out as ſoon as poſſible on his Journy to that Court. The Sieur Sulimirski, 'tis thought, will likewiſe go with the ſame Character to the Cham of Tartary. Our Generals and Senators are frequently in Council upon ſeveral Matters of Importance; and among the reſt, to regulate the Winter-Quarters of the Army of the Crown. The Palatinates of Podolia, Volhinia and Poliſh Ruſſia, which have long ſollicited to be eas'd of the Burden of the Muſcovites, who had taken Quarters of Refreſhment in thoſe Parts, have at length got rid of them, the ſaid Forces being march'd towards the Palatinates of Kiow, Smolensko and Sienewich, in order to take their Winter-Quarters in thoſe Countries. General Czeremetoff, before his Departure, publiſh'd a Declaration ſetting forth, that his Czariſh Majeſty, at the Requeſt of the Republick of Poland, and purſuant to his late Treaty with the Ottoman Port, had order'd his Forces to withdraw into his own Dominions; but withal gives the Nation to underſtand, that in caſe any Commotions ſhould be made in the Kingdom for the Advancement of the Intereſt of the Suedes, or their Adherents, he would certainly cauſe his Forces to return to Support King Auguſtus, his Ally. At the ſame time he excuſes himſelf for having march'd his Troops into Poland at their Return out of Turky, alledging the indiſpenſible Neceſſity he was under, of giving them ſome ſpeedy Refreſhment after the great Fatigues they had undergone the laſt Campaign.

Milan, Decemb. 2. *N. S.* The Duke d'Uzeda is appointed his Imperial Majeſty's Plenipotentiary at Genoa. The German Troops that have lately march'd into the Dominions of the Grand Duke of Tuſcany, are to be Quarter'd in the Counties of Empoli, Vico, and Caſſiana; but the Officers will be permitted to reſide at Piſa. Letters from Barcelona, of the Twenty-third of November, bring Advice, that the Armies in Catalonia continued in their former Poſts; but that, in all Probability, they would ſoon break up to go into Winter-Quarters. Before theſe Letters came away, Count Uberto Stampa was arriv'd there with the News of the Emperor's Election.

Venice, Dec. 6. *N. S.* The Republick has given General Steinau his Diſcharge, and made him a Preſent of a Gold Baſon, valued at a Thouſand Sequins; ſince which, he is ſet out for Verona, in his way to his own Country. The Pope has granted a plenary Indulgence to all ſuch as ſhall perform the Devotions appointed for imploring the Re-eſtabliſhment of Peace among Chriſtian Princes; and here is to be a ſolemn Proceſſion on the Fourteenth upon that Occaſion. The Body of St. Roch was expos'd laſt Sunday, and continued all the Week. They write from Cattaro, that the Proveditor-General of Dalmatia is ſtill on his Progreſs, taking an exact Account of the Condition of all the Places in that Province.

Berlin, Decemb. 12. *N. S.* His Pruſſian Majeſty has given out Commiſſions for raiſing Ten new Regiments this Winter, and has promiſed to ſend back the Troops he has recall'd out of the Low-Countries early in the Spring, if there ſhall be occaſion for them. Count Metternich, his Miniſter at the Diet at Ratisbon, is alſo directed to acquaint that Aſſembly with the Reaſons that induc'd him to ſend for them home. The Prince-Royal is ſet out for Magdeburg, in order to review thoſe Troops. Major-General Stillen has obtain'd a Grant of the Regiment that lately belong'd to Major-General Canitz, and which is now in Italy. The Duty call'd the Civil Tax, is order'd to be paid in, before the New-Year, by all Places in his Pruſſian Majeſty's Dominions. The Six thouſand Muſcovites under